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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

11 DEC 1962

SUBJECT: U-2 Operational Capabilities from  
9 September to 14 October 1962

1. From 9 September to 14 October 1962 there were twelve days on which a U-2 Mission could have been flown over Western Cuba if approval had been in hand. Two more days had satisfactory weather but there were no aircraft available.

2. For this paper the following assumptions were made:

a. Acceptable target weather is 80% of the target area in 3/8ths or less total cloud cover.

b. The target area extends from Matanzas west, including the Isle Of Pines.

c. At least one operational aircraft has to be in commission and available.

d. The mission would have been flown in the best time period of any given day, e.g. [redacted] local time.

e. Operational control of aircraft retained by Project IDEALIST.

3. Attachment 1 shows the day-by-day weather forecasts, actual weather, and aircraft availability. The weather data pertains to the mission date, not the date of briefing at which the weather was presented.

4. Attachment 2 shows mission approval, date approved by special group, mission number, dates flown and remarks.

5. Attachment 3 shows date, equipment available, briefings, mission alert, [redacted] and weather.

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